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## All I want for Christmas

Kelly shows her excitement as she receives a present from Santa at the Kinmount Legion. See page 14 for more photos of Kinmount's Christmas in the Village event.

Angelica Blenich Times staff

# New MH council takes reins

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The new Minden Hills council held its official inaugural meeting on the evening of Dec. 6.

Before a crowd that packed township council chambers, members were piped in by bagpiper Brian Sachs, introduced by master of ceremonies Tammy Rea and took their declarations of office, administered by township clerk Cheryl McCarroll.

It was the second time councillors had taken these oaths, after being a sworn in at a meeting at 9 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 1.

Reeve Barb Reid said the decision to push up the swearing in was made by township staff in the absence of chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison, in whom the powers of council had been vested until the scheduled inauguration on Dec. 6.

"Our CAO made us aware on Monday [Nov. 30] night that he is on indefinite medical leave," Reid told the *Times* last week. "After consultation between the treasurer and the clerk, it was the clerk's recommendation that we swear in the new council."

The new reeve said there'd been no emergency, but that if an emergency had have come

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# Poets in Pub meet Dec. 15 at Dominion

Seen and heard  
Local news and events

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This lively group meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Bring poems and good cheer.

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## Donate your Superbucks to Point In Time

This winter donate your Independent Superbucks to Point in Time's After School Recreation Program. The After School Recreation program is currently in its seventh year, providing free recreation programs to children and youth in the communities of Minden, Cardiff and Wilberforce. Over 100 young people participate in these programs on a weekly basis. For some this is their only extracurricular activity. A healthy snack is provided, including opportunities for leadership and physical activity all in a positive, safe atmosphere.

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## OPP to fill cruisers for food banks

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment will be having their annual Fill a Cruiser with Food campaign in a couple of weeks.

On Monday Dec. 20, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. attempting to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will then be taken to the Word of Life Food Bank in Wilberforce.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, officers will be at the Minden Valu-Mart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Minden Foodland where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to Minden Food Bank.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, officers will be at Todd's Independent from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. The officers will also be at the Haliburton Foodland from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All donated food will be given to the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton.

County EMS crews were on the scene and were assessing a female passenger of one of the trucks. Minden's fire chief Doug Schell said no one has sustained any serious injuries. The drivers of both vehicles said they didn't need medical attention.

**Chad Ingram**  
Times staff



## Two trucks collide on Bethel Road

Two pickup trucks were involved in a collision on Bethel Road, between County Road 21 and Horseshoe Lake Road, on Dec. 1.

Heavy snow, low visibility and slippery road conditions were blamed for the minor collision at about noon.

While the passenger of one of the trucks was being assessed by county EMS workers, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell said it appeared there were no serious injuries.

Both drivers declined medical care, saying they were fine.

The collision was the second one of the day attended by the fire department and the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment said it investigated 15 car accidents throughout the county that day.

### See Inside The Highlands Weekender

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*E-books are growing trend*

**Coles'Notes**  
Catherine Coles  
Branch Services Librarian

It appears as though e-books are here to stay. According to the Association of American Publishers, electronic books now account for at least 10 per cent of consumer book sales in the United States. We've been experiencing similar trends in Canada so if you do not yet own an e-reader, perhaps you will be receiving one for Christmas.

In response to our growing number of patrons using e-readers, the library has recently made available a collection of e-books that may be checked out for a three week time period, much like a traditional library book.

You can place a hold on these e-books online through the library's website.

**Rails End Gallery needs new logo**

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre needs a new logo that reflects the arts and the role of the gallery as an important cultural centre in Haliburton County. The prize is \$1,000. Deadline for entries is Saturday, Jan. 16, 2011 at 4 p.m.

What are we looking for? A logo or wordmark that represents our beliefs and reflects our organizational goals and values. Located in Haliburton Village in the 1878 railway station, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is just west of the station.

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## Mixed bag of weather in November

by Phil Graham  
Special to the Times

Average high, 6.2C, 43.1F  
Average low, -3.2C, 26.2F  
Average for the month, 3C, 37.4F  
Average for last Nov., 4.1C, 39.3F  
Highest temp Nov. 13, 15.5C, 60F  
Lowest temp Nov. 29, -9.5C, 14.9F  
Rain, 951 mm, 3.7 in  
Snow, 14 cm, 5.5 in  
Total precip, 109.4 mm, 3.9 in  
Total precip for last Nov., 82.4 mm, 3.2 in  
Days mostly sunny, 9  
Days with rain or snow, 11

In November, you can get any type of weather, and that's what we got. Some sun, rain, snow and quite windy. Average temperature was 3C. Hope for a decent winter.

**Free in your mailbox on Thursday...**

This week's Weekender:

- Rails End Gallery looking for new logo
- E-book collection is growing at the library
- Insulating your attic with Mike Rahme
- Practising what she teaches
- Cards scores, bowling scores

Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.



# No green light yet for Stanhope runway

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says the fate of the expansion project at the Stanhope Airport will be up to the incoming council.

While rumours have been circulating in the township that the controversial project has gotten the green light from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and that approval from the Ministry of Infrastructure is going to come any day, Harrison told the *Times* Monday this is not the case.

"We have nothing [to confirm that]," she said.

While Harrison said there had been some communication between Bill Bunker, environmental and assessment officer for the agency and Mike Osborne, the engineer who is overseeing the project for the township, that indicated the application had made its way to the minister's office, she

said the township had heard nothing definitive.

"We don't know if it is, or if it isn't," she said.

The *Times* contacted Bunker's office. "The federal government is in the process of completing the environmental assessment screening," said a spokesman. "Once completed, this report will be sent to the township for their approval. The township of Algonquin Highlands is responsible for the management and delivery of their funding agreement under the Building Canada Fund communities component."

While there have also been rumours that if approved by the ministry, all it would take to begin construction on the project is Harrison's signature on the dotted line, the outgoing reeve said she didn't know exactly how the process would work.

What's more, she said that even if all that was required was her signature, at this point in time, she wouldn't do it.

"I think that would be pretty stupid on my



**It's really in the hands of the new council**

— Eleanor Harrison

part," Harrison said, adding that all it would take to halt the process would be a motion from the new council. "It's really in the hands of the new council."

With some urging from MP Barry Devolin's office, the Building Canada Fund, which would pay for two thirds of the project, allowed the project to be split into two phases; the rehabilitation of the airport's existing runway and the construction of an additional 1,220-metre strip.

The rehab on the existing runway was

done in the fall by the Todd Brothers contracting company for \$459,000, of which nearly \$300,000 was covered by the Building Canada Fund.

While the township has signed a contract with the company for both phases of the project, a disclaimer was included that stipulated the second phase of the project may not proceed.

The project was approved by the Building Canada Fund, which uses provincial and federal money, in February of 2009 for two thirds funding of up to \$3.6 million.

However, outcry from the public over a lack of public input opportunity caused the agency earlier this year to accept submissions regarding the project.

The number of submissions was substantial, the agency said, and while it had estimated its review would be completed in the fall, the township has heard nothing regarding the process. The new council will be inaugurated Dec. 14. Until then, Harrison's council retains control.

## Area jobless rate falls to 9 per cent

The unemployment rate for the Central Ontario region that includes Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton slipped in November but remains mired higher than pre-recession jobless levels for the area.

The November rate was 9 per cent, Statistics Canada reported Friday, down from 9.3 per cent in October. It was the lowest the area's rate has been all year, except for June and July.

Jobless levels for the area shot up dramatically in April 2009 after the Canadian economy was hit by a recession.

Since then, the area unemployment rate has held steady in the 9 per cent to 10 per cent range, reaching a peak of 10.5 per cent in June 2009.

By comparison, the area's jobless rate ranged between 6 per cent and 7.5 per cent during 2008, prior to the recession.

November's 9 per cent jobless rate puts the Peterborough area mid-range among the regional jobless rates in Ontario. The Kingston area had the lowest rate at 6.6 per cent, northern Ontario had the highest at 12.4 per cent.

Oshawa, hard hit by cuts at GM, was at 10.1 per cent in November.

Nationally, unemployment fell by 0.3 per cent in November to 7.6 per cent, while Ontario's jobless rate fell by 0.4 per cent to 8.2 per cent, its lowest level since January 2009 after adding 31,000 jobs in November.

- QMI Agency



### Peace on earth

Leslie Northey, left, and Brenna Hie, Grade 7 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School work on plastecine pieces depicting peace on earth in art class last week.

Chad Ingram Times staff





Women lay roses to remember the 14 women who were murdered in the Montreal Massacre on Dec. 6, 1989.



Jenn Watt Times staff

Melissa Stephens, conductor of the Highlands Male Chorus, describes the group's next song: Amazing Grace, sung to a different tune. The chorus was part of the ceremony at the Minden Legion to remember the Dec. 6 Montreal Massacre.

## Women's lives remembered with Minden ceremony

The memorial for the 14 women who were killed on Dec. 6, 1989 in the Montreal Massacre brought out more than 50 people Monday at noon.

Participants assembled to remember the women killed and to take action against gendered violence in their own communities.

Organized by Bob McKay of Neighbours, Friends and Families, the event included a keynote address by *Minden Times* editor Jenn Watt, moving music by the Haliburton Highlands Male Chorus and a special rose ceremony for the women murdered in Ontario over the past year.

In opening the memorial, McKay told

the audience that men have an important role to play in eliminating violence against women and that too often sexist actions and remarks are ignored by men.

Watt spoke about local statistics of gendered violence (these statistics can be found on page 10 of this paper) and noted that the local media must be diligent in seeking out information on domestic violence in order to shed light on the issue.

The rose laying ceremony was an emotional one with members of the audience each bringing a rose bearing the name of a woman who had been killed up to the front of the room to be displayed.

Donna McKay, who read the names of the women along with Marilynne Lesperance, reminded parents to teach their sons to respect women.

"I don't feel at times that women take the time to teach their sons to respect women," she said. "We have to take the time to teach our sons that women are their equal partners."

Bob McKay said he will continue to run the memorial events into the coming years and hopes to expand the male portion - the white ribbon campaign - next year.

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Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid makes her declaration of office during the township's inauguration ceremony Dec. 6.

Chad Ingram Times staff

## 'We were just told to show up at 9 a.m.'

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up, council would have been able to call a special meeting to deal with it.

As to why the press and public had not been made aware of the meeting, Reid said that had been the decision of staff.

"We were just told to show up at 9 a.m.," Reid said.

Township bylaws dictate that in the absence of the CAO, the township's treasurer takes over those duties.

When asked why the township had not made notice of the swearing-in ceremony last week, treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said that it had been deemed it was not necessary for the press to be notified.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch made reference to the Dec. 1 meeting at the inauguration ceremony Monday night.

"This is the second time I've been sworn in a week and I hope this one takes," Murdoch said during councillors' opportunity for comments.

In her inaugural address, Reid said that when she'd been sworn in as Ward 2 councillor four years ago, it had been a very different world, one in which unemployment levels were low and where the federal government was enjoying a surplus.

She noted that times have changed.

"Our friends and family are struggling looking for work," she said, noting that while some economists say the recession is over, it doesn't seem that way.

"It sure doesn't feel like we're out of the woods yet."

Reid, whose Vision 2010 Team's platform criticized tax raises in recent years, talked about how the township would go about saving its taxpayers money while maintaining assets such as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"How do we manage this difficult balancing act?" she asked. "There aren't any easy answers."

Reid referred to a number of the projects the previous council had achieved - Riverwalk, the new library, the village's snowmobile bridge and the water tower - and said these were projects the community could take pride in.

"I think the next four years though, are going to be very different," she said, explain-

ing that it seems like the provincial and federal funding that had paid for a substantial portion of those projects is drying up.

The township has already put out the call to citizens to sit on advisory committees dealing with everything from finances to planning to parks and recreation and Reid said she encouraged those present and any members of the public who were interested to join.

"We are ready to get to work," she said.

Returning Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell expressed her gratitude to those who had re-elected her and hoped it was proof she was doing a good job.

"I would hope this room would look like this for every council meeting," Schell said to the full chamber.

Fellow Ward 1 Councillor Brigitte Gall said she was looking forward to her new role.

"It's like being married to a very, very large extended family," Gall said.

Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke said he was humbled by the support he'd received from voters and similarly Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville thanked the voters of the former Snowdon township and said she was looking forward to bringing their interests to the table.

Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath was grateful for the support he'd received and that he was looking forward to making Minden Hills a better place in which to live and do business.

"We are custodians of a sacred trust," Redpath said, explaining that sacred trust was the township's tax dollars. "At the end of the day, we're in the customer service business."

As far as the portfolios of councillors, Reid will be looking after physician recruitment; Murdoch will oversee property and planning issues; Clarke will govern personnel and economic development; Schell will be in charge of waste management and environmental services; Gall will look after youth, culture and community engagement; Redpath will head the finance and roads committees and Neville will look after parks and recreation.

Council will have its first regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 9.

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# points of view

## Preventing abuse

ON MONDAY, ceremonies in the county and throughout the country marked the 21st anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, where gunman Marc Lepine shot and killed 14 female engineering students at L'Ecole Polytechnique before killing himself.

The anniversary is a grave one in Canada's history, but one that each year brings to the forefront an important but rarely spoken-about issue that is a shameful skeleton in our national closet; abuse against women.

Last year at this time I wrote about how men who perpetrate abuse against women are pathetic and petty individuals whose angry and controlling way of being makes my skin crawl.

Nothing has changed there.

It's upsetting that I even have to write about this, that I need to rally against something that is so plainly and simply wrong as cheating, lying or stealing or any of the other things we are taught as small children are unacceptable.

And, like anywhere, this barbaric behaviour occurs in Haliburton County with alarming regularity.

According to stats from OPP Const. Valerie Jarvis, in 2008 the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment responded to 108 domestic disturbance calls. In 2009, there were 158 such calls and the detachment has responded to 146 domestic calls so far this year.

It could be that incidents of domestic

abuse are becoming more widespread, but it could also be that more women are taking the brave step of reporting these abuses.

Being optimistic for once, I like to think that the latter is true. I hope that more women are finding the courage to stand up against this kind of intolerable behaviour.

And more should.

While it must be incredibly difficult, women who are suffering this kind of unacceptable treatment need to find the courage to come forth and put an end to it.

There is a whole community here ready to support and protect them.

Those of us who may know of situations of domestic abuse must find the courage to confront the perpetrator or report the situation to the according organizations or authorities.

There is no reason this crap has to continue.

### To be clear

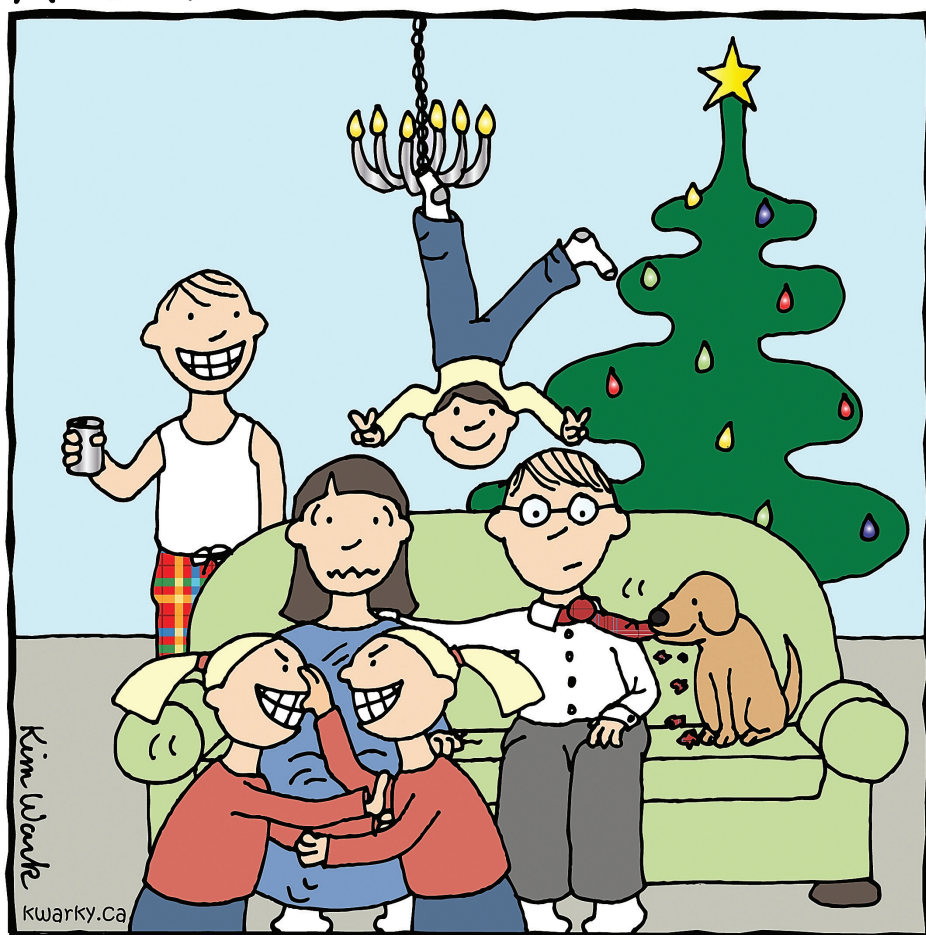
The press and public should have been informed that the swearing in of the new Minden Hills council was moved up to Dec. 1 from the scheduled Dec. 6 inauguration.

It is the business of the public to know whenever council is convening, no matter whether that meeting is public or in-camera, and no matter how short or perceptibly unimportant that meeting might be.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



Just your average family holiday portrait.

### letters to the editor

## Taxpayers living in no man's land

### To The Editor,

The taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands have just elected a new municipal council the members of which are unanimously opposed to the proposed new runway at the Stanhope airport.

Because there was an error in the ballot in Ward 2 and the byelection was held on Nov. 29, the swearing-in of the new council has been delayed until Dec. 14, leaving the taxpayers of AH in what has been described as a "no man's land" between councils.

Normally the term of the council would finish on Nov. 30, with the new council taking power at their swearing-in as soon as possible after Nov. 30.

There is a concern that the ex-reeve is hoping to receive the report of the Cana-

see WILL page 8

## OPP clear Reid of wrong-doing

### To the Editor,

Thank you to the many friends and supporters who expressed concern over the story about my supposed "violation" of both the Ontario Elections Act and Privacy Acts.

On Oct. 22, all candidates in the recent election were made aware of my alleged misconduct. By Nov. 3, there was a petition circulating around town (including in the staff room at Archie Stouffer Elementary School) that I had broken the law and should be criminally charged.

I (along with several members of my campaign team) was interviewed by the OPP. This was a new experience for us and we all agreed the OPP were very polite and professional.

I'm happy to report that the OPP contacted me on Nov. 25 and told me the investigation was now complete and that I had done absolutely nothing wrong. The complaints made to the OPP directly and the

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# points of view

## Dumb and dumber

**A** NEW BOOK called *Manthropology: The Study of Why the Modern Male is Not the Man He Used to Be* raises a lot of fascinating theories about how man has evolved over the last 20,000 years.

For the most part, it insinuates that modern man is slower, weaker and, in many ways, not as smart as those men who lived before him.

For example, the book asserts that men 20,000 years ago were quite capable of sprinting at speeds that would rival or surpass those achieved by gold medallist Usain Bolt. Similarly, it says that Greek trireme rowers could easily put modern rowers, despite their superior training and nutrition, to shame.

When it comes to mental ability, the book concedes that our modern communication and education have helped man in terms of intelligence. But it also maintains that even

the best rappers could not memorize nearly as much as medieval bards or Greek poets of days gone by.

In fact, it essentially suggests that men in the past were better at just about every facet of life, from fathering to love making, in fact.

Love making aside, I have always suspected as much. Like most boys, I grew up in awe of my father's astounding mental and physical prowess. The men of his generation, who were hardened by war and other hardships, did seem to be a special breed.

Once, for instance, I swear I heard him repeat the last three words that my mother said to him, even though he was completely immersed in the hockey game, when she uttered them.

Having said that, I think that there are probably good reasons for the seeming superiority of those men who came before us. For instance, the phenomenal sprinting

speed of men 20,000 years ago can easily be explained by the phrase "Sabre tooth tiger." But I don't even think that's so special since I have witnessed ordinary modern men double that pace at the mere utterance of a phrase with equally terrifying consequences. "Chick flick" is the one that immediately comes to mind.

I'll grant that we now lag behind in feats of strength, toughness and endurance. But that's only because we've developed tools and vehicles to allow us to do more with less effort. On the flip side, however, I bet if that author

tested our satellite remote-hardened fingers against those possessed by Neanderthals he'd label those old timers as digital weaklings.

Strength and skill, after all, are relevant to the times.

Even so, I can't even believe that poetry was included in this debate. I'm not sure how being able to repeat a poem makes you manlier in any way, even if that verse begins with, "There once was a man from Nan-tucket..."

Frankly, I don't buy it. I'm sorry, you just don't back down a bully by dropping a verse or two of Robert Frost on him. For that, you need the something far more terrifying and intimidating. Again, the phrase "chick flick" immediately comes to mind.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## My Christmas giving list

**M**Y SEVENTH annual Christmas giving list has 28 worthy Haliburton County causes on it, so I'd better get right to it.

In this season of giving, there's nothing more important than doing your part to make sure everybody in the county can go to sleep in a warm bed with a full stomach.

Even if you're lucky enough to have a job, it's difficult to stretch a minimum wage far enough to put food on your table, oil in your furnace and a roof over your head.

Causes environmental and cultural may be sexier but it is organizations like the Minden Food Bank, Minden Bible Church Fuel for Warmth, SIRCH and the John Howard Society that help Ontario's most impoverished county get through the winter.

The Food Bank's difficulty filling stomachs has been chronicled elsewhere in this paper. More than 80 families a month depend on it. Non-perishable food or cash will do. Call Barb Walford-Davis, 489-1715.

A brief and obvious digression: If you give cash and get a tax receipt, you can afford to give more. Indirectly, that tax receipt means that the federal and provincial governments help bankroll your cause.

Food for Kids provides school breakfasts and healthy snacks. Jenna Burnett, 935-0114.

Fuel for Warmth is a spinoff from the Food Bank, finding oil or firewood to get folks through tight spots. It's looking for fuel or cash and for discounts from fuel companies. If you donate wood, you get a receipt. Joanne Barnes, 286-6838.

Many other organizations help families stay afloat. SIRCH Community Services runs programs for families with young children who are living in "conditions-of-risk." Linda Mintz, 457-1742.

Just keeping a roof over your head can be a challenge. The John Howard Society can

help solve short-term housing problems. Sherry Harpell, 286-3111.

Long-term, Places for People works to add to the stock of affordable housing in the county. It made homes for two families in Haliburton village's old Orange Lodge. Now it's raising cash to buy another property. Fay Martin, 286-3668.

There's more help for families young and old. Point In Time for Children, Youth and Parents buys Christmas gifts for teenagers, sends children to camp and runs an after-school recreation program in Minden. Lisa Hamilton, 286-2191.

SIRCH also helps folks deal with serious illnesses and operates cancer and bereavement support groups. Linda-May Powers, 457-1742.

The Alzheimer Society for Victoria County provides support in Haliburton for folks suffering from dementia and for their care-givers. David Webster, 878-0126.

The 20 dialysis machines at Lions Camp Dorset need replacing at a cost of \$20,000 each. Donations also subsidize a very nominal fee for housing that lets dialysis patients get away from it all. Helen Walker, 766-2220. Haliburton Highlands Health Services is collecting money for heart monitors and other heart-related technology. Dale Walker, 286-1580.

Kinmount District Health Services Foundation raises funds to run the expanded Kinmount Medical Centre. Ted Wilkes, 488-2667.

Community Care Haliburton County offers services to seniors and adults with disabilities, including transportation, emergency response systems and Meals on Wheels. Hilary Elia, 457-2941.

Women suffering from abuse in their

homes and lives can receive free counselling services or find a safe haven at the YWCA Women's Centre. Daisy Downs, 286-1942.

Haliburton's landscape has plenty of defenders. Environment Haliburton protects and restores the Highlands through advocacy, education and action. Heather Ross, 488-2632.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association works on improving wetlands and restocking native and rainbow trout here and in Muskoka. Marilyn Wooder, 457-9664.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust protects Haliburton's natural heritage through research projects and by sharing expertise on land conservation and stewardship. Sheila Ziman, 754-2532.

The Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival introduced 834 children to the joys of the outdoors in 2010, with pupils from Simcoe County added to the mix. Irene Heaven, 286-3181.

Support for the Water Festival came from Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL), which works at providing environmental learning opportunities. Norm Thomas, 286-3323.

In turn, FEEL gets support from the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corp., which also works with the Dorset Community Planning Group to raise funds for important projects that highlight healthy active living and Dorset's heritage, culture and economic development. Jan McDonald, 766-2170.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development had a big year helping spruce up the village core. Next it will build a maintenance building that looks like a railway shed, with the same facade as

the old railway station nearby. Diane Austin, 488-2635.

With spiffy new branches in Minden and Haliburton, the Haliburton County Public Library has increased its circulation by 50 per cent in just two years. Support the library with donations to Friends of the Library. Heather Thom, 447-2402.

Arts Alive Minden supports the arts on our side of the county with a focus on young people, sponsoring such activities as the Minden Hills Cultural Club. Michael Fay, 286-3668.

R.D. Lawrence Place needs support for its literary programs and for the purchase of equipment for a new educational audio tour. Sheryl Loucks, 286-2298.

Heritage Day is an annual highlight for the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum. Help fund that project or the museum itself. Betty Moffatt, 489-3021.

HAVE, which started here and now has chapters across Canada, is in the midst of drilling 180 wells in rural India with federal funding and private donations. Debbie Wales, 489-3177.

Haliburton Highlands Grannies, with 60 members across the county, supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation by helping African mothers raise AIDS orphans. Mickey Bonham, 286-2198.

Minden Emergency Animal Care takes care of abandoned sick or injured dogs and cats and then finds homes for them. 286-2919.

*Neil Campbell will be signing Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, a collection of his newspaper columns, at a craft show at the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and at Wintergreen Pancake House near Gelert on Sunday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.*

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**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond



# letters

## Will ex-reeve take advantage of technicality?

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dian Environmental Assessment Agency report before Dec. 14 so she can take advantage of the "no man's land" technicality to notify the contractor to proceed with the construction, this in defiance of the will of the people expressed with their votes in the election.

I encourage the ex-reeve to do the right thing, to acknowledge and accept the will of the people, and to announce that she will leave the matter of airport expansion in its entirety to the new council to deal with after they are sworn in on Dec. 14.

**Tom Fitzsimmons**  
Algonquin Highlands

**Email your letter to the Editor to  
editor@mindentimes.ca**

## Voters' list used appropriately

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claims made in the petition were totally unsubstantiated and without merit. Following their extensive investigation, the OPP were satisfied that I and my campaign team had made appropriate use of the voters' list "for election purposes" which is a permitted use.

The haste with which the accusation was disseminated leads me to the unfortunate conclusion that the allegation was motivated by malice. To those who worked so hard to damage my reputation, you need to know there are consequences in making defamatory allegations. This was a hurtful, time-consuming and stressful experience for me.

Although it is understandable that emotions can run high during election cam-

paigns, we should never forget that we are a community that must live together and trust each other to work towards the common good. Let's work together to create a community where there is no tolerance for defamatory conduct.

I am looking forward to leading your council for the next four years. I look forward to working with those who join our several committees of council. My door is always open and if you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to contact me before jumping to inappropriate, unfair and accusatory conclusions.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Barb Reid**  
Reeve, Minden Hills

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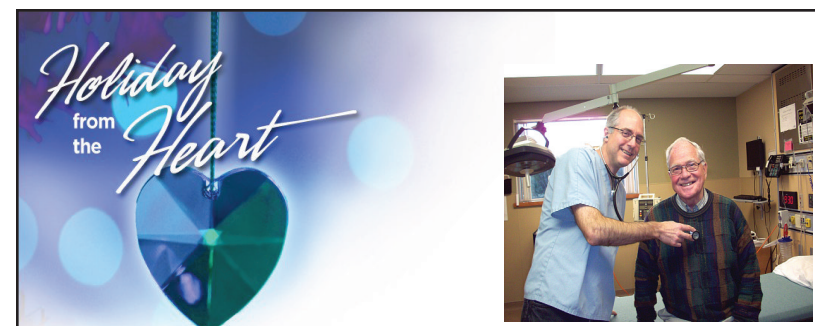
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**As the Christmas & Holiday Season approaches, we hope you will give from your heart to care for your family, friends and loved ones.**

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**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION**

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# letters

## The fox in the henhouse

To the Editor,

Our children are being brainwashed. The dangerous new concept of “climate prosperity” which is the slick marketing spin brought to us by the oil industry, wants us to believe that there’s an up-side to climate change. And it’s being taught to our children via posters and lesson plans paid for by Suncor—the Alberta tar sands’ largest developer.

This is shameless propaganda. The National Round Table on Environment and Economy (NRTEE) and the Canadian Geographic Society have completely lost their credibility by issuing this misleading “Don’t worry be happy” campaign to kids in junior and middle schools across Canada.

“There is no study behind this poster, and many of the references are wrong or misquoted,” says Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada—recently named by Newsweek magazine as one of the most influential women in the world. Many Canadian climate scientists are joining her in protesting

this dangerous messaging tool.

The poster implies that the impacts of a two-degree rise in global temperatures will be moderate and mostly affect only the polar bears. In truth, scientists have predicted an extinction rate of up to 30 per cent of all species globally. As well, it could accelerate the already steep decline of marine micro-organisms that create the world’s oxygen supply. Is there a silver lining to climate change? For those hoping that global warming will extend their golf season—your joy may be short-lived if there’s not enough oxygen to get you around the links.

Why is our government allowing a tar sands company to feed its propaganda directly to our children? Listen up. The fox is in the henhouse. And he’s singing those fluffy little chicks a lullaby, while heating up the frying pan.

**Susanne Lauten**

**Federal Candidate, Green Party of Canada  
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock**

## A Chuckle or Two

by Wilfred Ackerblade

I am mighty tall and handsome  
and loved by one and all...  
I came down from Halliburton  
and had a lovely flight.

I went to the Dominion Hotel  
and got into and awful fight  
Now I am not so tall and handsome  
but I am an awful sight

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to have a good long rest  
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**Call Rick Cox at 286-1936 ext 201 for more information.**

#### NOTICE

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office will be closed from and including Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. for the Christmas holidays.

Anyone requiring immediate assistance for a “Township Related” emergency should call the after hours number 1-866-856-3247. For all other emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

**Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 pm - Zumba  
Minden Community Centre - \$5.00**

### Meetings and Events

<b>December 9th</b>	<b>9 am Council Meeting</b>
<b>December 12th</b>	<b>Silverstick Bantom Midget Finals 8 am-4:30pm</b>
<b>December 18th</b>	<b>3 pm Agnes Jamieson Gallery Members Show closing reception with Holiday cheer &amp; goodies</b>
<b>December 24th</b>	<b>12 noon – Community Centre/Arena–CLOSED</b>
<b>December 24th</b>	<b>Admin Office CLOSED</b>
<b>December 25th</b>	<b>Community Centre/Arena – CLOSED</b>
<b>December 26th</b>	<b>Arena OPEN – Free Public Skating sponsored by Minden Pharmasave</b>
<b>Dec 27 – 31st</b>	<b>Admin Office CLOSED</b>
<b>January 3rd, 2011</b>	<b>Admin Office OPEN</b>

#### FREE PUBLIC SKATING

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PLEASE NOTE: There will be no public skating on Sunday,  
December 12th – Silverstick Bantom Midget Finals will be held

Free Public Skating Sponsored:  
December 5th - Dollo's Foodland  
December 19th – Minden and District Lions Club

### WINTER SAND

Will be available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena  
parking lot for residents for their individual use

#### R.D. Lawrence Black and White November 10-December 19

RD. Lawrence learned his photography on board a ship shooting first class passengers but his work took a serious turn as a journalist, particularly when he was reporting back from the Congo during its civil war. This exhibition will include African artefacts and also showcase photographs of Lawrence's expeditions across Canada and the wildlife he met along the way.

**Members Show, Agnes Jamieson Gallery**

November 26 – December 18 • Closing party December 18th

For more information on any of these events go to  
[www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com) or 705-286-2808



#### Illustration of Minden's Gull Lake c1860

**November 25-December 18**

by Thomas Hepburn Robertson

Loaned from the Toronto Public Library Special Collections  
These ten illustrations are the oldest known artwork of the Minden area. Created by Robertson (1824 – 1864) for Mrs. John Cameron whose husband was M.L.A. for Victoria, 1858-61, these Victorian-style drawings and lithographs depict our area in detail showing a quaint landscape that was, in fact, the rugged frontier.

#### Members' Show

**November 25-December 18**

Every year the members of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery bring in their newest artwork. This is a diverse and interesting show offering photography to painting, fibre art to mixed media. Take time to choose your favourite and enter the artist's name and title into our People's Choice Award. Award is announce at the closing reception December 18 at 3pm. Join us at this time for Holiday Cheer.

**The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed from December 18  
reopening January 5.**

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for the upcoming term of Council, effective January 2011 through November 2014, wishing to sit on any of the advisory boards/committees listed below:

- Finance Committee
- Roads Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Youth Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee (includes Community Facilities in Irondale, Gelert & Lochlin)
- Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee
- Community Engagement Committee
- Minden Hills Library Committee
- Cemetery Board
- Events Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Protective Services Committee
- Planning & Development Committee

We would ask that you provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest and application form on or before January 4th, 2011 at our office – 2nd floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

For further information on these committees (purpose, etc.) please visit our website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) and go to the tab “Clerk” or “Public Notices.”

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate

to contact the undersigned.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk

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# Haliburton County news

## Chamber moving office to Haliburton

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

As of February 2011, the office of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will no longer be located in Minden, instead finding a new home on Highland Street in Haliburton.

The announcement was made by chamber president Nick Lawrence on Dec. 2 at the organization's monthly breakfast event held at McKecks.

Reasons for the move, said Lawrence, came down to economics and logistics.

"Our lease is almost up at our current space," said Lawrence. "The space was costly and we began looking at how we can become more centrally located to better serve the eastern part of the county."

As of Feb. 1, 2011, the chamber will be located at 195 Highland Street, in the lower level of the Village Barn.

Lawrence reminded those in attendance that the Haliburton Highlands branch of the organization held its inaugural meeting at Wigamog resort, located in Haliburton, in 1936. The breakfast also included special guest speaker Don Koppin, president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association.

Koppin spoke to the nature of the homebuilders organization and their role within the county.

"Over the past number of years our association has been organizing a number of community initiatives such as the annual charity hockey tournament, the toy drive and golf tournament," said Koppin. "We have also facilitated workshops and recently introduced our Renomark program, dealing with issues around renovations. This is what we're

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**We began looking at how we can become more centrally located to better serve the eastern part of the county.**

— Nick Lawrence

about." Gord Bell of Cottage-Resort.com spoke on the topic of social media and how it can be used to improve business for tourism operators.

The owner and operator of Beauview Cottage Resort in Huntsville, Bell discussed how tools such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube can result in a greater Internet presence and more returning customers.

"You want to begin by lurking on the Internet and finding out what people are saying about your business and your competition," said Bell. "Next you'll want to begin by either creating a monthly newsletter, starting a blog or by setting up a Facebook account."

Bell reinforced the importance of embracing social media and updating blogs, websites and Facebook accounts regularly. "Blogs and newsletters must have news and useful information," said Bell. "Twitter is a great resource for pointing people to your website. It acts like a news ticker."

"Similarly YouTube is a great way to take photos and videos of your business and post them to a wider audience. Facebook is a great place for guests to share their experiences with photos and videos."



Angelica Blenich Times staff

Gord Bell, left and Don Koppin were the guest speakers at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast held at McKecks on Dec. 2.

## Crisis calls up at YWCA Women's Centre

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Calls to the county's women's centre have been steadily increasing over the last three years from those looking for a way out of abusive situations, the YWCA outreach services coordinator says.

In the 2009/2010 fiscal year, the organization logged 624 calls from women in crisis or looking for support, up nine per cent from the year before.

Now, half way through the 2010/2011 year, it seems likely there will be more calls than ever by year's end.

"In the first six months of our 2010-2011 fiscal year (April 1 to Sept. 30) we responded to 422 crisis and support calls," Darlene Smith-Harrison wrote in an email to the *Times*.

Smith Harrison hopes the increase has more to do with education, outreach and awareness of local resources than a rise in abusive situations.

"I'm hoping that people are becoming more aware of the YWCA and I'm hoping that more women are questioning the alternatives and wanting to seek out that information," she said in an interview.

The number of women physically seen by YWCA staff has also been increasing, Smith-Harrison said, but since the women's centre has been changing its services and programming, numbers couldn't accurately be compared.

Staff saw more than 200 women in the county in the last year.

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— Darlene Smith-Harrison

The YWCA offers a range of programming and services to women escaping abusive relationships, their children and the community.

Aside from telephone crisis support, there is also counselling services, help with housing, educational programming for students and well-being workshops.

There is also one "safe space" unit available for women and their children who need an emergency place to stay with plans for another unit in the works.

"We can only have one family at a time. In the next four months or so we're hoping to expand that and have two units who are available," Smith-Harrison said.

While there are times when the space is unoccupied,

there are plenty of times when alternate arrangements have to be made because more than one woman needs an emergency space.

According to statistics from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP, there have been 147 domestic violence incidents reported in 2010 resulting in 58 charges.

In 2009, 158 incidents were reported to police with 70 charges.

Of those, the man was a victim 17 times and the woman 60 times.

In her 25 years of experience, Smith-Harrison said there have been big improvements in the way domestic violence is treated by police.

"Mandatory charging is one of the changes that I've seen. Back 25 years ago police could walk into a situation and it was seen more as a domestic situation, as a private matter, and they would turn to the victim and say, 'would you like us to charge him? You really don't want us to take him to jail, do you?' and say this in front of the kids. So that was a huge change," she said.

But the law works both ways, and mandatory charges are also applied to women who use force defending themselves, she said.

The YWCA's crisis line can be reached at 1-800-461-7656, 24-hours a day. A list of their services can also be found at [www.ywcapeterborough.org](http://www.ywcapeterborough.org) under the "Haliburton County" tab.





Tables were decked out with Christmas goodies at the Christmas in Carnarvon event.

At left, Tri-vocals sing “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.”



Some of the members of the Lochlin Lassies perform their own version of the “Twelve Days of Christmas.”



The Lochlin Lassies whoop it up on stage.

Photos by Sian Cox

# Christmas in Carnarvon

Despite the snowy weather an enthusiastic, although smaller than usual crowd, attended the Christmas in Carnarvon celebration at Zion United Church on Wednesday evening. Skits, poetry, and musical performances accompanied the usual laugh-

ter, tea, and delicious baked goods. The annual Christmas gathering of ladies auxiliaries from Haliburton County’s churches has been held at the Zion United Church for the past 36 years.

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# Local prostate cancer fundraiser raises \$2,000

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Movember is over and the local fundraising team earned some \$2,000 towards prostate cancer research.

Prostate Cancer Canada and similar organizations throughout the world are advocates of the annual fundraiser, which, during the month of November, encourages men to grow moustaches in support of prostate cancer research.

A small group of local men and their spouses gathered at Minden's Headlines Hairstyling on Nov. 1 to kick off their campaign and team captain Mary Turner, whose husband, Doug, has been battling cancer for six years, said early this week the team had already raised some \$1,900 and that some cheques were still in the mail.

"Doug is already thinking about the

agony of regrowing his moustache next year," Turner said. "I said, 'Remember the cause!'"

Other team members included Rick Ratcliff, Jane Leavis, Ralph Mintz, Bill Beers, Keith Hill and Peter Oyler.

Movember took off this year, raising some \$70 million for prostate cancer research worldwide. Between 2004 and 2009, about \$100 million was raised.

Canada was the top-earning country, at almost \$20.5 million and counting as of Monday. It was followed by Australia with more than \$19 million, the United Kingdom with just less than \$13 million and the U.S. with just less than \$7 million.

The event has grown increasingly popular since it began in Australia in 2003, when a group of friends decided they would grow moustaches simply as a lark.

The following year they attached it to the cause of prostate cancer research.



## Santa and his "Best Friends"

More than twenty dogs visited Santa at Minden Emergency Animal Care's 2nd annual "photos with Santa" event last Saturday. Despite the big guy's greatest concern, none of the furry clientele mistook his leg for a fire hydrant. All funds raised by this, and other MEAC events, go directly for the care of sick and injured abandoned animals. MEAC staff and critters would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who came out for a photo, and especially to Santa Bob!

To learn more about MEAC visit: <http://www.meac2007.com/>

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# Buying firefighter calendar helps buy equipment

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Minden Hills Fire Department is hoping residents will help it build up its special equipment fund and give themselves a chance to win some cash by purchasing a 2011 department calendar.

The calendars, which feature images of firefighters responding to emergencies, as well as scenes from training exercises, family events and the firefighters games, cost \$20 and are available at a number of local businesses.

This is the third year the department has produced the calendars, taking a break in

2010, and fire chief Doug Schell said that if the fundraiser makes money, those funds will go towards the department's special equipment fund.

Schell said he'd like to see the department purchase its own cascade system, which is used to refill air tanks.

Currently, Schell visits the Haliburton fire hall to fill his department's tanks.

"We want to replace our four-wheeler too," he said.

The new calendars also come with a special feature that allow purchasers to win some money.

On the backs of the calendars are raffle tickets that can be cut out and returned to Schell.

The tickets are then entered into weekly \$50 draws and \$150 draws on special occasions, such as New Year's Day.

Winning tickets are put back into the pot for the next draw and there is no limit to how many draws someone can win.

Calendars can be purchased at the Minden Hills municipal office, Minden Home Hardware, Minden Pharmasave, The Village Châlet, Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton or by contacting a member of the department.

Fire chief Doug Schell displays the department's 2011 calendar, the proceeds from which will go towards the department's special equipment fund and give purchasers a chance to win a number of cash draws.

**Chad Ingram** Times staff



## AJG offers unique opportunity for youth who like art

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is offering an unique opportunity for youth 10 and older who really enjoy making art. This opportunity involves working with professional artist Rose Pearson and curator Laurie Carmount in creating a body of work for an exhibition titled "They Sketch...They Paint!"

The goal of this exhibition is to: foster a further interest in the arts; create an unique learning opportunity for youth to work directly with a professional artist; give an opportunity to work with a curator and exhibit at a public art gallery; increase the community's appreciation for the gallery; and to emphasize there is more for youth to participate in than hockey.

There is no cost to participating in this

event. However it is necessary for every participant to attend three consecutive Sundays in January (9, 16 and 23) from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Primarily the media used will be acrylic paints and mixed media. Pearson will begin by introducing to the youth acrylic painting techniques so that they are aware of the possibilities. They will be given time to work with the media before discussing possibilities for their project.

The theme for the project is what interests the youth the most in their community. Is it the beautiful landscape, the buildings, changing seasons, people, a particular event, activities or a collection of different things? What is their impression of where they live and how can they express this?

In the second half, Pearson will lead them in a guided visualization that would help them to use their imaginations to generate imagery, subject and content for their painting. Youth will work these ideas out in compositional sketches. Youth will need to bring reference materials from home.

The final day will be spent finishing the art work and discussing with the curator their art statement, invitations and displaying the exhibition.

The exhibition will be held Feb. 3 to

March 26 with an opening reception Feb. 4. Anyone who wishes to sign up their child, please contact Laurie Carmount at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. There is room for only fifteen youth. Agnes Jamieson Gallery telephone number is 286-3763. Deadline for sign up is Jan. 7.

*"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."*

**-Pablo Picasso**

## Minden Hills presents Dick Schell with 2010 volunteerism award

The 2010 Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship was presented to Dick Schell at the annual Township of Minden Hills Volunteer Recognition and Christmas Banquet on Friday. The award was created in 2008 by the Township in recognition of Gord Monk's achievements as well as the value he placed on volunteerism and citizen participation.

Schell has been a resident of Minden his whole adult life and he has served on the Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary since 1967 (the longest serving volunteer in Ontario). He has a history of volunteerism that goes back many many years, not just with the police auxiliary. He is also a part time guard with the OPP at the Haliburton Highlands Detachment. He is on the Terry Fox committee and works at the Terry Fox Run each September. He is currently the Chair of the Township's Committee of Adjustment and is the past chair of the Haliburton/Victoria Housing authority, and past chair and member of the Staanworth Non Profit Housing Authority.

Schell has been a great volunteer in the

Coats for Kids and Adults Program, assisting the Lions Club members collecting clothing and making sure it is cleaned from September to the end of October so that those less fortunate will not suffer from the cold. The selection committee agreed that Gord would approve of the third edition of the award in his memory going to this pillar of our community.

The 2008 recipient was Linda Brandon, recognized for her many years of service in the community. In 2009, the township recognized the tremendous contribution of Molly McInerney. The award is intended to be presented on an annual basis and consists of a plaque for the recipient as well as recognition on a master plaque kept on display at the township office. Nominees for this award should have demonstrated extensive volunteerism over an extended period of time in multiple areas of service to our community. Nominations for the 2011 award will be accepted until Oct. 31, 2011 and should be addressed in confidence to the attention of the township clerk, PO Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.



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# Kinmount celebrates Christmas

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The Village of Kinmount was abuzz with flurry on Dec. 4 as a host of activities took place during the annual Christmas in the Village event.

Pancakes, crafts and hot chocolate were just some of the items that kept

children happy and occupied. Horse-drawn sleigh rides through the main streets were a popular feature as were pony rides.

A special appearance from Santa Claus at the post office brought a smile to the faces of children of all ages. A ride up to the Kinmount Legion was followed with a hot lunch and free gifts for all in attendance.



Top; Sleigh rides were a popular choice in Kinmount on Dec. 4 during the annual Christmas in the village event.

Left; Santa Claus arrives at the post office in Kinmount. The children loaded the horse-drawn sleigh and followed him to the legion where they were treated to presents and lunch.



Right; A nativity scene makes its home in the village square.

Photos by Angelica Blenich

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

### Early Deadlines

Ad deadline for

<b>HALIBURTON ECHO</b> Dec. 28th is Wednesday Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup> at Noon	<b>HALIBURTON ECHO</b> Jan. 4th is Wednesday Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> at Noon
<b>MINDEN TIMES</b> Dec. 29th is Thursday Dec. 23rd at Noon	<b>MINDEN TIMES</b> Jan. 5th is Thursday Dec. 30th at Noon

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**The reason insurance gets more expensive is that it's being taken advantage of by people who treat it like a paycheque.**

**Joe Duarte**  
QMI Agency

Insurance is funny thing that has become almost like a utility – you have to have it in order to be able to use a vehicle, and it gets increasingly more expensive with each passing year. The main reason for the former is to ensure there is money available to fix bodies and/or property by people who usually wouldn't have the kind of money available. In a nutshell, it's like putting aside \$100

each month into an account from which you withdraw should the need ever arise to pay for damages to your vehicle or the suffering of others. The difference is that if you have to pay out tens of thousands of dollars after only two months of “savings,” your insurance coverage handles the payout, whereas you would only have a couple hundred saved up.

The reason insurance gets more expensive, is that it's being taken advantage off by people who treat it like a paycheque.

A recent case in Ontario saw an insurer successfully sue an insured to recover

\$150,000 paid out in an insurance claim. Three defendants had been involved in a parking lot incident and proceeded to milk the insurance for all it was worth in payments for damages, medical fees, etc.

Expert witnesses testified the resultant sideswipe of their vehicle by a van in a parking lot should not have resulted in the types of damages to body and property that were claimed by the three occupants in the affected vehicle.

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Please print clearly and complete this form with as much information as you can provide. If you wish to provide additional support material, please adhere to the following: maximum of 10 pages, 8.5x11", can include pictures, pamphlets & brochures (please provide 7 copies). Please return completed nomination package to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

## Nomination for Awards Category

- ☒ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- ☐ Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Skilled Trades Award **\*new\***
- ☐ Innovation and Creativity Business Award **\*new\***
- ☐ Young Entrepreneur of the Year (35 yrs & under)
- ☐ Highlander of the Year
- ☐ Customer Service of the Year

Note: Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

## Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Nominee aware of this Award? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In 100 words or more, please describe why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual should be nominated. The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2010 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas. Attach extra pages if necessary.

- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Product or Market Innovations
- Significant Business Achievement
- Sales and/or Employment Growth and Technological Advancement
- Excellence in Community Relations/Contribution
- Environmental Consciousness
- Customer Service and Reliability
- High Standard of Employee Relations
- Contributes to the Economic Health of the Haliburton Highlands

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10th, 2010**

The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator. Nomination must be accepted by the nominee before being presented to the nomination committee.

PLEASE NOTE: The nominee will be judged on what is submitted in this nomination package. The Chamber staff will not request additional information to support the nomination, but do reserve the right to contact the nominee to verify facts.

## Business Achievement Awards

### Small Business of the Year

The nominee is a profit-centered business, which has been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and has 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2009 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

### Large Business of the Year

The nominee is a profit-centered business which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2009 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

### New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the New Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2009.

### Skilled Trades **\*new for 2010\***

The nominees will be a business judged on excellence in some or all of the following categories: trade skills development, quality, craftsmanship, outstanding service, excellence in innovation in product or service, sustainable financial performance or market/product development.

### Innovation and Creativity Award **\*new for 2010\***

This award celebrates a business operating in Haliburton County that shows innovation and creativity in their business practices to sustain or expand their business and contribute to the local economy, increasing the value of products or services, business model, energy conservation, creation of employment, expanding the market for products and services, the creation of new intellectual property.

### Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

### Young Entrepreneur of the Year (35 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision

### Customer Service of the Year

This award is for Customer Service centered businesses, which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more. This award recognizes both innovation and exceptional performance resulting in quality service to customers. This business would provide customer with choices in both sources of services and the means of delivery, making information, services and complaint systems easily accessible. An example of an exceptional performance may include compassion and caring that goes well beyond expectations for customer service. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2009.

## Community Achievement Awards

### Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

### Youth of the Year

This award will be awarded to both a female and a male high school student currently or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee will award a student based on their academic and extra curricular activities and who has also shown a willingness to participate throughout the community to enrich the lives of others.

### Warden Award of the Year

This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2010.

## Haliburton County Home Builders Association

# 15th Annual Christmas Challenge

**Join the Challenge and help us to make a difference**

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plan. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers to families in need.

**Step 1:** Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

**Step 2:** Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 457-2629. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton & Minden.

**Remember:** to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 10th. Early delivery to the *workshop* means the elves have enough time to prepare the baskets before Christmas.





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Although most of the blatant abuse comes in the form of isolated incidents mostly in tourist-happy places in the U.S., there are instances of people loading up a van with several passengers paid to basically fake injuries in a crash situation. A damage reporting centre and sympathetic legal and medical service providers take care of providing the necessary paperwork and the insured basically collects thousands

## Geothermal: Heating System or Energy Source?

“The real difference between paying monthly for conventional energy as apposed to paying monthly for geothermal energy is that with geothermal, consumers are getting much more with their monthly payment,” explains Andrew Brown, Co-Owner of Haliburton Geothermal. “Paying for a monthly oil or propane bill gives consumers nothing more than heat as a by-product of burning a fossil fuel and sending toxic smoke up the chimney. When paying monthly for a geothermal system, consumers get their

A fossil fuel bill is like a life-long lease payment where the rates just continue to rise. Monthly

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Position	Name	Points
1	Erick Schuster	493
2	Eric Casper	477
3	Bryan Rivard	468
4	Eleanor Lymer	465
5	Jeff Barry	445.5
6	Paul Cameron	444
7	Martin Schuster	442.75
8	Maie Arike	438.75
9	Scott LaRue	437.5
10	Ronald Sedley	437
11	Andrew McGill	436.75
12	Michael Moxley	410.75
13	Nancy Holden	409.5
14	Bob McKay	408.75
15	Ray Lymer	407.75
16	Orville Meeke	405.75
17	Ian Kemp	405.75
18	Jordan Hamilton	403.5
19	David Douglas	403.5
20	Melissa White	399.5
21	Chase Heinemann	398.5
22	Larry Southgate	394.5
23	Matt Prichard	391.75
24	R Bell	390.5
25	Dwight Thomas	388.75
26	Andrew Carmount	386.5
27	JoAnne Sharpley	384.5
28	Rhonda Shaw	382.5
29	Robert McIvor	378.5
30	Pat Barry	375.5
31	Gerald Ainsworth	373.5
32	Robin Carmount	371.5
33	Denniella Rivard	368.5
34	Beryl Rasmus	365.5
35	Jonathan Sharpley	364.5
36	Larry Holden	359.5
37	Norm Bottum	357.75
38	Audrey Sedley	357.75
39	Dan MacMillan	357
40	Jamie Pritchard	352.5
41	Richard Rasmus	346.5
42	Bruce Fisher	342.5
43	Ann McIvor	341.5
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# Sports

## Red Hawk basketball gets off to good start

*Submitted by Coach Roland Zilla*

Our first league action was Tuesday, against LCVI, a 51-41 loss at LCVI. Thursday we travelled to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School and upset the Trojans 54-36. Luke Watson and Jesse Lefebvre had 14 points apiece, by far the best game of our season. We are now one win and one loss in Kawartha West League action.

Prior to that, we participated in the Thomas A. Stewart tourney in Peterborough defeating PCVI by two points, losing to TAS by eight points, last year's COSSA Champions and a loss to LCVI by one point

in a tight game.

In Dec. 3 and 4, we travelled to North Bay for the annual Macs Tourney, a very high level basketball tournament where the Hawks played powerful. Timmins High School and lost by 28 points. Saturday we played a team from Sault Ste. Marie and defeated them 37-34 and finished the tourney with a 44-39 loss to Kapiscasing.

Our team is very competitive this season and we are scheduling tourneys that in previous years were well above our skill level. The North Bay tourney is one example, as well the Laker tourney in Bracebridge on

Jan. 7 and 8 over the Christmas break, also the Petawawa tourney on Feb. 11 and 12 a 32 team senior tourney. Chris Allison has emerged as our point guard and is doing an excellent job of running the team. Luke Watson is the team's leading scorer.

Other returning players are Jesse Walker, Caleb Zilla, Josh Dennys and Justin Levely. In time, Damon Flatman a Grade 11 player will also emerge as a scorer. He had 11 points in the St. Thomas Aquinas win.

All games this season will be very competitive at the senior boys level with very few mismatches, except perhaps with pow-

erhouse I.E. Weldon.

This week, we travel to Fenelon Falls on Thursday Dec. 9 for league action as the Falcons try to avenge a five-point loss to us in exhibition action last Friday at our school. Should be a good game. Next new we have our home opener on Tuesday, Dec. 14 versus Brock followed by Wednesday, Dec. 15 against I.E. Weldon, also at home. These are junior/senior tilts starting at 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17. Both of our teams travel to Gravenhurst for an exhibition game and our annual alumni game is on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

## Red Hawk wrestlers show good start

Last week, the competitive season began for the Red Hawk Wrestling Team. Athletes on the team had a strong showing at two different tournaments. It is a good start to the season and the coaches look forward to seeing continued growth in the months that lie ahead.

**Kenner Wrestling Tournament** (Dec. 1)

Gold Medal – Gage Shelly (51 kg), Cody Cox (54 kg), Dylan Graham (UNL)

Bronze Medal – Keith Burley (77 kg), Tayler Dair (UNL)

4th place – Matt Vieira (67.5 kg), Nichole Honderich (47.5 kg),

Chris Hall (57.5 kg), Anthany Nesbitt (41 kg), Tom Paul (64 kg),

Megan Tompos (UNL)

**Ajax High School Wrestling Tournament** (Dec. 2)

Gold Medal – Maia O'Sullivan (54 kg), Mike Mazara (54 kg),

Bailey Walker (47.5 kg), Tara O'Sullivan (57.5 kg),

Silver Medal – Kayla Gardiner (44 kg) Bronze Medal – Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg), Caitlyn Griffin (51 kg),

Greg Baumgartner (72 kg)

4th place – Zane Zondervan (77 kg), Liz Toth (67.5 kg)

The HHSS womens wrestling team placed first at the Ajax tournament through a strong team effort.



The Highland Storm took on the Collingwood Blackhawks in the championship game but lost by a score of 3-1. See page 24 for more of the Silver Stick tournament. Angelica Blenich photo

## Red Hawks take down gold

Haliburton wrestlers Gage Shelly, Cody Cox and Dylan Graham win in Peterborough while Mike Mazara, Bailey Walker, Maia O'Sullivan and Tara O'Sullivan win in Ajax

*The following are Haliburton Highlands Secondary School sports briefs*

### Friday, Nov. 26

The senior boys' basketball team defeated Fenelon Falls in exhibition play with a 37 -

32 victory.

Luke Watson scored 15 points and 15 rebounds for his second double/double of the season, leading the way. Chris Allison had 13 points and five steals and Justin Levely had eight rebounds and four points.

The junior boys' basketball team played an intensive, back and forth game against Fenelon Falls but were defeated 33-28.

Zack Cox scored 14 points and pulled down 14 rebounds for his first double-double of the season.

### Wednesday, Dec. 1

The Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Peterborough where they won 60 per cent of their matches at the first tourna-

ment of the season. Keith Burley and Taylor Dair each placed third in their weight classes.

Congratulations to Gage Shelly, Cody Cox, and Dylan Graham on their gold medal performances.

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to LCVI to play in their first tourney of the year. The girls worked hard and proved to be a great contender amongst AA rivals Brock and St. Thomas, winning a set against last year's Kawartha champs.

### Thursday, Dec. 2

The veteran wrestlers competed at the Ajax tournament and posted some impressive results. Bringing home gold med-

als were Mike Mazara, Bailey Walker, Tara O'Sullivan and Maia O'Sullivan. Kayla Gardiner earned silver, while Lily Coneybeare and Caitlyn Griffin earned bronze. Special mention to Greg Baumgartner who only lost one match in a tough class.

The senior boys' basketball team defeated the St. Thomas Trojans by a score of 52-34. Jesse Lefebvre and Luke Watson had 14 points apiece, and Damon Flatman had 11 points.

The junior boys' basketball team earned a convincing victory over the St. Thomas squad.

*- with files from Judi Paul's class*



# First local case of influenza confirmed

Although the official start of winter is still two weeks away, this winter's flu season has arrived.

A lab report received late Friday, Dec. 3 by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit showed the first confirmed case of Influenza A in its area, which covers Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The first influenza case involves a young child from the City of Kawartha Lakes who had been immunized just over a week prior to becoming ill. The child did not require hospitalization and is recovering at home.

"While it is good that the child was immunized, it takes approximately two weeks after immunization for our bodies to develop the protective antibodies we need against influenza," says Linda McCarey, assistant director of communicable disease control with the HKPR District Health Unit. "So while the immunization did not completely protect the child from getting ill, it would have certainly lessened the severity of the illness."

McCarey says the confirmation of flu in the health unit's area is not a surprise, given the reports of flu cases from neighbouring areas of the province. While last year's flu season consisted of H1N1 flu, this year's flu in Ontario appears to be mainly cases of seasonal influenza with just a few reported cases of H1N1 in the province. This year's influenza vaccine combined both the seasonal and H1N1 strains into one shot.

Seasonal influenza is a common respiratory infection that can spread easily among people. In Canada, flu season usually runs from November to April. While most people recover from the flu in approximately one week, it can cause serious complications such as pneumonia in young children, older adults and people with underlying medical conditions. On average, each year approximately 20,000 people are hospitalized due to the flu and between 2,000 to 8,000 Canadians die with flu-related illnesses.

"Getting the flu shot is one of the best ways people can protect themselves from the flu," McCarey says. "It provides excellent protection against the flu and is free and available to everyone over the age of six months."



## Macdonald honoured for 35 years of service

Station 80 Stanhope of the Algonquin Highlands fire department recently honoured Dale Macdonald for his 35 years of service to the fire department. His services were recognized by both the fire department as well as the Stanhope Firefighters Association.

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Interested parties are invited to submit a resume to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 15, 2010.**

Mr. Brian Whetstone CRS-S  
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Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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# Win hams, turkeys and Christmas cakes at Bingo



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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It was good to hear the news Sunday evening that our three world travelers had safely returned to Ajax after visiting several distant lands so rich in history. While there some chaos had been experienced and the repeated viewing of priceless treasures stored in unfavourable conditions was troubling. To quote from Rita's email "we are grateful to live in a country that has a sense of order and respect for itself". The number three is significant as fortunately Emma had not been replaced by the camels offered in exchange for her at the Turkish market. Alpacas with their incredibly warm, non allergenic wool are now starting to make an appearance in the southern Kawarthas but I am not sure that here at the old farmhouse the ponies would be agreeable to more exotic breeds sharing their pasture especially notorious spitters.

Thank you to all those dedicated volunteers who made "Christmas in the Village" such a successful experience for the whole family. The Artisans Marketplace was a busy spot with some 40 gift bags given out to the kids who came looking for "Kinnie the Elf." Excitement filled the air as horse drawn wagon rides added that special country flair and the family lunch plus gifts for the children at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 put the icing on the Christmas cake. Donnie Shaw won the "12 Questions About Christmas in the Village" contest, Alayha Crego the "Kinnie the Elf" hunt and our librarian Mary Ann Dobsi's daughter the craft supplies at the Artisans Marketplace.

The combined carol service this past Sunday afternoon brought together the congregations of St. James Anglican

Church, Kinmount and Kinmount United Church to enjoy the songs and stories of Christmas. Open to the community this is an annual event which alternates between the two church locations. The 2010 service was hosted by the United Church with Rev. Desmond Howard and it was a sincere pleasure to welcome Rev. Margaret Milne, Minister of the two point charge of St. James here in Kinmount and St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden.

Attention all you budding Leafs. Registration for the upcoming "Kinmount Knights" hockey season is now underway at Kinmount Freshmart. If natural ice conditions at the arena permit, the plan is to start on Jan. 2. Open to both boys and girls the fee is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the family. Please note that the wearing of both helmets and neck guards is mandatory. While digging out those holiday decorations why not check for used hockey equipment in good condition and recycle it to the Knights program.

Christmas shopping putting a dent in your wallet? Plan to head out to the Christmas Bingo at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 this Friday, Dec. 10 at 6:45 pm. and try your luck at winning hams, turkeys, Christmas cakes and a \$300 must-go jackpot. Also at the Legion on Wednesday, December 15th it's "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" at 11 am. with a cost of \$10 which includes lunch.

The Kinmount & District Lions Club's angel trees are up and waiting for your gifts of new, unwrapped toys at the Health Centre, the post office, Shop N' Save and the Kawartha Credit Union. Donations for the Christmas hampers may also be dropped off at the Kinmart Freshmart or the Legion. Registration for the Christmas hampers takes place during this week with the final date to register being Friday, Dec. 10. Please call [705] 489-1232 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register and note that all baskets are to be picked up by the applicant between 1 and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Until next week . . .



**Oh Christmas tree**

Angelica Blenich Times staff

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# December birthday wishes



**Gina Atkinson**  
Stanhope Life

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This week I have two birthdays to write about, and they both celebrate on the same day Dec. 7!

I guess the first mention will be my brother Dario, he turns the big 60 and the whole family met this last Saturday to celebrate. You might as well celebrate - you can't change anything! Once again, there was an abundance of everything!

Dario and I were both born in Paris, France and although he lives in New Liskeard, Ont. when we see each other it's all good! Family is always good. Who else accepts all the differences and faults and forgives always?

Then there's Claudette Pitre celebrating her birthday, not 60, not anywhere near that age but I won't blurt out her age here. She has been a true friend of mine for quite a few years now and I wish her all the best on her special day.

Have you ever heard of Kidpower? This is the shortened name for Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower, a charitable, educational non-profit organization that was founded in California in 1989.

A terrifying incident in 1985 prompted Irene van der Zande to found Kidpower. Irene was leading a group of children on a field trip when a man charged them and attempted to snatch one of the children. Irene shielded the children and with her screaming attracted the attention of bystanders who came to their aid to scare off the would be attacker.

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Check out their website for more information and if you can spare a few bucks you can either do it online or come and see me.

I know, sparing a few bucks this time of the year is asking a lot, but it does feel good to be part of something worthwhile. That feeling always lasts longer than cash!

Did you know that dogs adore the snow? My dogs Cosmo and Bella, absolutely love the snow even though they have the short Boxer hair. On a snowy day they are always asking to go out and play, I discovered that they could almost stay outside all day!

Last week, my granddaughter Alyssa decided to enjoy the snow with the dogs while she was visiting. With at least 10 centimetres of snow, Alyssa, Cosmo and Belle had a blast! With Alyssa's imagination, she pretended to own a Burger King restaurant and had a snowball fight against the dogs! It was one versus two, but Cosmo and Belle ran back and forth with snowy faces! It couldn't have been that bad because they kept going back for more!

Kids and pets make the best of winter, I could learn from them! Getting away for a couple of weeks during winter could have really helped.

Alas, I did not win the Mexico trip that was given away in this month's Community Living Travel Club Lottery. That lucky person was Diane Jackson! The two \$50 prizes went to Andrew Hodgson and Patti Abel. Congratulations!

Have a great week!



## Christmas for kids


**Cassie Thorn** Special to the Times

There were games, music and of course, a visit from Santa Claus at the annual Stanhope children's Christmas party hosted by the Stanhope firefighters.

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# Drum up some fun at rec centre



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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The beginner drumming program taking place on Monday evenings at the Dorset Recreation Centre will continue to Dec. 13, then take a break for Christmas and start again on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

All are welcome, no experience is required to participate and drums are provided. Experience the benefits of

drumming, self expression, creativity and play. The classes are led by Gillian Thomas of Rhythmic by Nature and take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per class or \$50 for four classes.

For more information about drumming, please contact Gillian at Gillian@rhythmicbynature.com or call 766-2323.

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Dec. 8. For more information or to book an appointment please call Joy at 766-1418.

The Dorset Moms and Tots Playgroup will be hosting a monthly Family Play Day with the date to be announced. All caregivers and their preschool aged children are welcome to participate in this free program. For more information, give Heather a call at 705-641-8787.

The YMCA of Simcoe-Muskoka Employment Service - Huntsville will be offering employment services in Dorset at the Dorset Recreation Centre beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. Job search resources are always available during recreation centre hours.

The program will be taking place every other Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and include access to a computer with word processing and Internet, resume and cover letter tem-

plates in Word, sample resumes and cover letters, job search information, job search web sites, and access to the Huntsville Employment Service staff during office hours via web cam.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 11th annual Lions Camp Dorset mini putt tournament which will be taking place at the camp on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011. Register early as this popular event sells out fast.

Registrations will be accepted until Jan. 1 or until the spaces are filled, whichever comes first. The cost is \$150 per team of four and includes green fees, dinner and entertainment featuring Lou Moore.

If you can't attend but would like to support the event, donations of prizes are being accepted or you could sponsor a hole for \$50. For more information, give Steve a call at 766-2780.

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 5 to 11 go out to Weldon Tracey, Jacqueline Timbers, Donald McEachern and Janeen Byman. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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**Jayla Madison Marchand**

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• **Celebrate Recovery Meeting** is for everyone with hurts, habits and hang ups. Lakeside Baptist Church ( 9 Park Street) every Monday at 7pm. Call 457-2851

• **Parkinson's Support Group.** If you or a loved one is living with Parkinson's we'd love to have you join our support group. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Haliburton United Church on Pine Street in Haliburton from 1:30 to 3:30. For more info contact Janet Bottum or Barb Fraser at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team 4-705-455-9220

• **Bereavement Group :** Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know some one in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.

• **Y's Archie Gently Used Boutique is open!** Located inside Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, this Boutique is priced right, with all items less than \$3! Shop Thursdays and Fridays noon-5. Interested in volunteering? Call Sarah, Resource Development Coordinator, YWCA Haliburton County at 286-1760 ext. 28 to get involved.

• **Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc./ Jericho Centre** will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Haliburton in the front entrance every Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5:00pm in December from Dec. 3 until the 24. Come and help us as we help you.

• **Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services** is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the Adult Day Program in the following areas: Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Omemee, and Burnt River. Volunteers assist staff with programs for socially isolated seniors and people with special needs such as physical or developmental disabilities. Social, recreational and physical Activities are offered in caring, friendly, safe environments. Training Provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack for further information 705-324-7323 x 274 or [emaccormack@community-care.on.ca](mailto:emaccormack@community-care.on.ca).

• **December 8th : Lochlin United Church Annual Community " Old Fashion Christmas Carol Sing- Along"** accompanied by Rev. Harry Morgan and Friends. It starts at 7:30pm and is at the Lochlin United Church on Lochlin Rd. Refreshments following: Hot Cider and Christmas Goodies. Donations to the food bank gratefully accepted.

• **December 8th : Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Xmas Pot luck Luncheon.** St. Georges Anglican Church, Mountain Street. Don't forget forget your plate, cup and cutlery, also a wrapped gift \$10 limit. Every one Welcome. Call Sharon for more info 286-1531

• **December 11th : Halipalooza presented by The Haliburton School of the Arts, Fleming College.** An end of the semester Art Show and sale hosted by current students in full- time diploma and certificate programmes. The exhibition will take place from 10 am until 3 pm at the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College. For further information, Please contact Organizer Terri Frew at 705-457-1680 ext.6759.

• **December 12th : Breakfast with Santa!!!** At the Red Umbrella Inn. Kids 6 and under eat free.

• **December 16th : Meet the Nurse in Haliburton,** 10am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to the age of six can meet with the public health nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call 705-457-1391 for more information.

• **December 16th : Christmas Luncheon** at Minden Legion from noon til 2 pm. Community Care Haliburton County will be hosting a Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. \$15 per person. Call 457-2941 to order your tickets. Tickets only available til Dec 9 . We would love you to join us.

• **December 19th & 26th : Allsaw Church Christmas Concert.** Starts at 7pm and refreshments served after.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [editor@haliburtonecho.ca](mailto:editor@haliburtonecho.ca), or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [editor@mindentimes.ca](mailto:editor@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



# Atom AEs reach regional Silver Stick finals

## Final Score: 3-1 Collingwood

*Next Games: Wednesday, Dec. 8 in Bancroft, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. against Huntsville and on Sunday, Dec. 12 against Gravenhurst in Rama at 3 p.m.*

Can you imagine scoring only three goals in three games and making it to the semi-final in a Silver Stick Tournament? That's exactly what happened as the boys skated to three gruelling one-goal games on Saturday to make it to the semi-final the next day. In fact, all four games leading to the final were decided by only one goal.

The first game against Collingwood looked destined to end in a scoreless tie. The teams traded chance after chance but Carson Sisson stoned Collingwood repeatedly with some magnificent saves. But as the clock ticked down to only seven seconds left, Collingwood burst through the defense, scrambled the puck in front and stabbed home the winner.

It was a heartbreaking way to start the day, but the boys rallied for their next game against Stirling and came out with all cylinders firing. A nice feed by Aidan Garbutt broke Ben Schmidt free to score the first goal but Stirling proved to be resilient and quickly tied it up. With only 14 seconds left in the first though, Trevor Turner banged in the rebound off a shot by Ryan Prentice and the boys were able to secure a lead that they would not again relinquish.

The final game on Saturday, although not a classic by any stretch, was enough to secure a birth in the semi-final the next day. It was a long day, and it showed, with both teams seemingly stuck in quicksand through whole game. One goal from Ben Schmidt and a good night sleep were all the team needed to ensure they were ready for the semi-final on Sunday. Carson Sisson was the star of the day, making some absolutely stellar saves and letting in only two goals over the three games.

And what a semi-final it was! The boys looked refreshed and ready to go and they started strong against a tough Port Hope squad. Their passing was phenomenal as was evidenced by a supreme give-and-go goal by Shawn Walker and Trevor Turner to get the game rolling. Alex Petrie gave the boys a two-goal lead with a shot that took an odd bounce in front and somehow found it's way to the back of the net. But suddenly the momentum shifted entirely in Port Hope's favour. Constant pressure and being forced to kill off several penalties frustrated the team to the point where, by midway through the third period, the team found themselves down by a goal. Tensions were high, but the boys re-grouped and overcame the adversity when, with only four minutes left, Ben Schmidt broke free and wristed a beautiful shot to tie the game and carry it into overtime.

Overtime starts with three on three and Shawn Walker has made a habit of scoring key goals when our team has only three players on the ice. The period started with the pressure in Port Hope's favour but a blocked shot from the point bounced up to Shawn Walker and he skated in alone to score the winner to the deafening roar of the crowd.

The boys met the Collingwood squad again in the final and although they fought hard, they struggled to find the energy that carried them past Port Hope. In a penalty-filled match, the boys were only able to muster one goal by Ben Schmidt but unfortunately, it was too little too late.

Although Floyd Hall's Atom AEs didn't win the tournament, this team has much to be proud of with an emotional, hard-fought two days of hockey. Special thanks must go to Joanne Sisson and her crew of parents who organized the amazing raffle tables and to Jim O'Neill for convening the tournament and filling in when needed.

- Submitted by Jon Petrie

## Predators prey on Storm at Silver Stick

It was a busy weekend with the two-day International Silver Stick Tournament for Pee wee AEs groups 3 to 5. It started early Saturday morning at the Minden arena with the first two teams arriving at 7 a.m. for their game at 8 a.m. The tournament ended up being an hour behind by the after-



noon with the last game being played at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Pee wee AEs games were scheduled for 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. We first played Prince Edward County Kings and the Storm boys did not look like they came to play hockey.

We were down one player with an injury and another playing with tonsillitis. The score in this game was 3-0 a loss for the Storm. Things did not improve with the second game against the Port Perry Predator who dominated the Storm and won, 6-1. Our only goal, unassisted went to Ethan Cooper. By now the Storm had not acquired enough points to continue on to Sundays semi-finals in Haliburton, but had one more game to play. Maybe it was the thought of being defeated in all three games in a tournament that they were hosting that woke up the team, who were now down two players, but the third who had tonsillitis continued to play.

The newly energized team headed onto the ice with purpose and won the game 4-2 against the Ennismore Eagles, a moment of glory that did not change the outcome of this tournament. The first goal went to Mitch Billings with an assist to Drew Van Lieshout. The other three goals went to Max MacNaull, Drew Van Lieshout and Greg Crofts all unassisted.

The end of the tournament saw the Port Perry Predators as champions and the Napanee Stars as finalist. I would like to thank Wade MacInnes for his tireless work, support and help, Susan Burgess, Cherylann Russell, Steacy Billings, Jessica and John Rider, and all the others who offered their help. Also a thank you for Dani Smolen and Justins Jewelry. I apologized if I have missed anyone.

The weekend of Dec. 10 through 12 sees us in a tournament in Huntsville. Our next home game is Saturday, Dec. 18 against Port Carling in Haliburton at 3:30 p.m.

-Submitted by Karena Crofts

## Girls' Bantam team loses to Markham

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C Highland Storm girls' hockey squad had their undefeated record snapped Sunday afternoon in Minden. The team hosted the Markham-Stouffville Stars and played a tough game. Sydney Feir tied the game midway through the second period but Stars scored the eventual game winning goal early in the third on a harmless play where the puck found its way into the back of the net. The Storm will have to have their "A-game" back in form as they travel to Keene to take on this undefeated squad this Saturday at 12:30. Get ready to play spoilers girls!

-Submitted by Dan Marsden

## Highland Storm Atom A takes on Bracebridge

The Highland Storm Atom A team hosted the Bracebridge Bears this weekend with two intense games. It was a fast-

The Highland Storm Atom hockey team battled it out against the Collingwood Blackhawks in the championship game on Dec. 5 in the Silver Stick Hockey Tournament held at the Dysart arena. The Storm defeated the Port Hope Phantoms with an overtime victory in the semi-finals to advance to the championships but lost to the Blackhawks by a final score of 3 to 1.

Angelica Blenich Times staff

paced gripping game in Haliburton on Friday. Both teams played aggressively, keeping the crowd on the edge. The game ended in a 1-1 tie. The Storm goal was scored by Nolan Flood and assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith. The excitement carried on in Minden on Sunday. The Storm team rallied to take the lead in the first period, both teams continued to push and the momentum grew. It was a tremendous effort from the Storm but ended in a 4-3 loss against the Bears. Goals scored by Kyle Cooper, Owen Gilbert and two from Nolan Flood. It was an awesome team effort with assists from Kyle Cooper, Owen Gilbert, Nolan Flood and Jacob Haedicke. The Storm Atom A team is currently sitting third place in their division with 14 points of the 13 games played. Next weekend, they are on the road to Huntsville. Good luck boys!

The Highland Storm Atom A team is proudly sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

-Submitted by: Suzanne Haedicke

## One win, one loss for Bantam team

On Tuesday, Nov. 30 the Bantam B Highland Storm sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing, travelled to Bobcaygeon to face the Sturgeon Thunder. Both teams showed up to play and treated the fans to a great show. The action went back and forth with Logan Churko standing tall in the Storm net and the Sturgeon goalkeeper doing the same for his team. Early in the first period Churko turned back a Sturgeon penalty shot with a great pad save. The Storm's best chance came in the second on a Hunter Bishop breakaway; he deked past the goalie but ran out of room before he could tuck the puck into the net.

Sturgeon struck first at 13:19 of the third. The Storm responded well with a lot of sustained pressure, both Lucas Esson and Tyler Casey beat the Sturgeon goalie but not the goalpost. Sturgeon put the game away with their second goal at 5:11. Coach Drew Bishop pulled Churko with two minutes left but despite intense pressure the Storm could not score and went down to defeat.

The road trip for the Storm continued on Sunday, Dec. 5 when they travelled to Bethany to play the Manvers Mustangs. The Storm struck first at 11:24 of the second period when a Luic Muli blast from the point went in off the goalie. Jesse Davis tallied two minutes later to double the score and the Storm began to dominate the game. Lucas Esson scored next on a pretty passing play set up by Hunter Bishop and Tyler Casey. Braden Roberts followed with a great solo effort to extend the lead to 4-0.

Manvers was finally able to answer with a goal near the end of the period but it was quickly countered by Roberts's second of the night with 3.1 seconds left on the clock.

Mac Monk-Cray rounded out the scoring with the only goal of the third period which brought the final score to 6-1 in favour of the Storm. Their record for the season stands at four wins, three losses, and three ties.

-Submitted by Doug Sullivan



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